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SUBJ: US/VIETNAMESE RELATIONS: BRIEFING OF FRENCH

FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD

REF: STATE 028546

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL,
I SAW FRENCH FONMIN GUIRINGAUD AT 1800 FEB 9 TO
CONVEY THE INFORMATION IN PARAS 1 THROUGH 3. I
STRESSED THE SINCERITY OF OUR DESIRE TO
NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM AND THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE MIA ISSUE.

2. GUIRINGAUD SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED BEING
INFORMED OF OUR NEW INITIATIVE TOWARD HANOI, WHICH
HE THOUGHT WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HE
COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE GREAT SENSITIVITY OF
THE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME AND WOULD HOLD IT VERY
CLOSELY.

3. GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT DURING VIETNAMESE
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH'S VISIT TO
PARIS, THEY DISCUSSED VIETNAMESE RELATIONS WITH THE
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US, AND GUIRINGAUD HAD EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
HANOI'S BEING FORTHCOMING ON THE MIA ISSUE. WHEN THE
US/VN CONTACTS HAVE ADVANCED, GUIRINGAUD ASKED TO BE
INFORMED IN MORE DETAIL IF POSSIBLE. FRANCE HAS
GOOD RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, HE NOTED, AND COULD AGAIN
EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HANOI'S BEING FORTHCOMING
WITH THE US ON THE MIA QUESTION EITHER TO THE VIETNAMESE

AMBASSADOR OR TO PHAM VAN DONG WHEN HE VISITS IN
APRIL.
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